

### Greetings Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

Autumn is officially here although we are waiting for the weather to catch up to the news of its I want to extend a big thank you to everyone for continuing the work of the ministry when I was away on continuous study and then vacation.

Special thanks go to the persons who did pulpit supply and those who put everything together during that time and always.

One of our members was hospitalized during that time and I was able to get that email and to contact the person and pray with them in two days they were back home and running. Thank you for keeping me on the loop!

I also learned the 9th Yuma Mayors' International Bike Ride which was on Saturday, October 25, starting at 8 a.m. I signed up. There were over 400 participants. If you look closely on the videos below you might see me. Myself and one of you appeared in color on front page of the Sunday 26th Newspaper- you will find a copy at the DFH. It was a great time to meet and invite people to our church. I also met some of our online worshippers there. They have not been to church in person for a long time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHiKAGh0TuA and also https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=813484474602790

There was a Trunk or Treat while I was away and food was collected for those in need. Thanks to those who made that happen. The youth and the kids always enjoy it!

October was Pastor Appreciation Month and many of you expressed appreciation to me, for which I am grateful. It is a joy to be back worshipping with you again. I am happy to be back!

On November 2nd we were blessed to have a special guest with us. Pastor Brad Monroe the Presbytery pastor brought the message. He also met with the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) while he was here. That service, as well as each Sunday service, is available online if you missed it and want to watch.



Adult Sunday School, led by Brian Claar, happens immediately after the 3C's (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall). It is always good to join. Please consider attending.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study led by me, Pastor Dan the Man with a Plan, takes place at 6:15pm and is available in person and on ZOOM. We have good discussions, learn from each other, laughter and fun with the scriptures. You are welcome to attend.

Pastoral care and ministry are available for home communion, hospital visits, and prayer ministry. If you are in need of these services, please reach out to us by giving us a call during office hours Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 1:30pm or by sending an email anytime.

#### Other highlights include:

- Men's breakfast continues every Thursday at 8am.
- -The prayer team continues to meet weekly on Mondays at 10am.
- -Prayer chain continues 24/7
- -In addition to these things we have some members who enjoy outdoor activities together: bike rides, walks, swimming and hiking. If you have an interest in joining in on these activities, please let me know.

Please continue to encourage your friends and family to subscribe to our YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mBfmkEXHGo&t=311s

This will help us qualify to broadcast our services live on YouTube on top of Facebook live.

May the Peace of Christ be with you, Pastor Dan

## STEWARDSHIP 2025

The annual Stewardship campaign was launched October 29 with the mailing of the initial Stewardship letter. In the letter, an explanation of the campaign and our needs was offered. We continue to be in a deficit condition and are blessed to be able to draw on our Investment Account, but this is not a viable long range position. Each one of is blessed by God with resources including wealth, time and talents to return to Him to honor Him. No gift is too small as told in Luke 21:1-4, The Widow's Offering. We are encouraged to also give of our time and sharing whatever talents that God has given to us.

During the Stewardship campaign, blue sheet inserts will share the topics of "Living Each Day As A Steward", "The Steward's Identity", "The Steward's Purpose", and "The Steward's Lifestyle".

If you did not receive a stewardship mailing, pledge cards are available in the Narthex. We hope to conclude the annual campaign by the end of November.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Glen Moss.

## DRAYER LIST

Crystal Echols, Mary and Bob Schaal; Makyla Ruttle; Cindy Michels; Natalie Rivera; The Unrest in our Country; Police and Law enforcers; Total Recovery Ministry; leaders of our country; Missionaries around the World, the unsaved; Our military and their families; Border Patrol; And all those affected by COVID-19;



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

1 Mona Nelson

3 Rayne Caley

18 Brian Smith

Scouts

- 3 Capri Rippy
- 5 Leilani Ashwood
- 7 Rose Morgan
- 12 Iris Rojas

Movember

- 22 SantiagoEvelyn Powell
- 28 AJ Goodwill
- 28 Michael Goodwil

December

- 4 Joshua Roberts
- 8 Linda Neal
- 14 Carol Troxel
- 19 Donna Goodner
- 19 Rebecca Carlisle
- 30 Sarah Sullivan
- 30 Glen Moss

Scorts

- 11 Peter Sabo
- 12 Alexander Garcia
- 14 Charlie Nance
- 16 Delilah Acosta
- 18 Xavier Gomez
- 22 Cael Williamson
- 22 Victoria Guzman
- 22 Baylee Ramirez
- 26 Eian Vera
- 31 Hope Shull

Anniversaries

21 ' Paul & Sandy Schlehr

### MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to all who helped make sandwiches for Crossroads Mission on October 19th. They were very pleased to receive the sandwiches!

We will be helping 12 children and their families from AZ Baptist Children's Services (ABCS) by donating food for Thanksgiving dinner. Please watch for the flyer in the Blue Sheet in November for more information.



There was no Session Meeting during October since Pastor Dan was on a combination Vacation/ Study Leave absence.

In a continuing action initiated at the September meeting, discussions and work continue with the Apostolic Church for the use of our Sanctuary on a continuing basis. The physical action that was accomplished is the removal of the choir loft and excess pews that were in the Adult classroom in the Christian education building. The Session agreed that the area that has been the choir loft would be more useable if it had a flat floor instead of a tiered floor. The first step in that action was the removal and disposal of the pews in the area, On October 25, several members of the Apostolic Church provided the necessary labor to remove the pews. The removed items were donated to the Jesus Pan de Vida congregation in San Luis Rio Colorado in Mexico. Special thanks go to the Apostolic Church congregation led by Pastor Francisco Lopez for removing the pews and getting them delivered to Jesus Pan de Vida where they will be put to good use.

The next step in this project is the temporary removal of the carpet, the removal of the wooden flooring and risers, painting the wall, and then the reinstallation of the carpet to provide a smooth and flat floor for the area. This is a project in work and should be completed soon

#### **OVERALL PROGRAM**

October was a busy month for all aspects of the Scout programs at Sierra Vista. All aspects of the Wednesday night program are fully operating.

The planned Trunk or Treat event on October 29 was a great success. It was estimated that over 200 children and family members participated in this event. There were a lot of goblins, ghosts, witches roaming the parking lot and collecting candy and playing a variety of games.

The entire unit is planning on marching in the Veteran's Day parade on Tuesday, November 11.

This annual event allows the youth to recognize our veterans and express their appreciation for their service.

We are happy that the year is underway and hope that you will continue to support your 8054 scouting program. If you haven't checked us out yet, please visit any Wednesday for a great time.

#### **GIRL SCOUTS**

The Girl Scout Troop was busy during October with planned activities for all levels. A CPR training course was held for Girl Scout leaders in October. It won't be long until training for Girl Scout Cookie sales will be held. Each year, Girl Scouts nationwide conduct their major fundraising efforts selling those delicious cookies. For the past several years, Troop 8054 has been one of the top units in the southern Arizona council.

#### **CUB SCOUTS**

Cub Scouts are again selling popcorn to help fund the program. Popcorn sales are being held at locations throughout town. Check with your Cub Scouts to purchase popcorn. The Cub Scout Pack families held a great Family Camp at the Picacho State Park in California the last weekend of October. There were over 60 youth and adults for the event. A great time was had by all attendees.

#### **BOY SCOUT TROOP**

Members of the Boy Scout Troop are taking orders for fresh Christmas wreaths and holiday items.

During October, a Court of Honor was held to celebrate the accomplishments of scouts toward advancements and merit badges.

# NOVEMBER 2025

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| 21st Sunday<br>after Pentecost            |           |              | 1st Wednesday<br>Scouts Dinner |              | World<br>Communion |           |
| Daylight saving time ends                 | 10        | Election Day | Bible Study                    |              | Day                |           |
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| 22nd Sunday<br>after Pentecost            |           |              | Scouts 6pm                     |              |                    |           |
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## DECEMBER 2025

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| Communion<br>Sunday        |           |     |               |               |     |            |
| 2nd Sunday<br>of Advent    |           |     | Scouts 6pm    |               |     |            |
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| 3rd Sunday                 |           |     |               |               |     |            |
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| 4th Sunday<br>of Advent    |           |     | Christmas Eve | Christmas Day |     |            |
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